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PREFACE

Botswana Statistical Year Book is the principal reference work produced by the Statistics Botswana. It provides a comprehensive statistical picture of the Botswana economy, society and environment. Statistics contained in the Year Book are the most recent available at the time of preparation.

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Introduction

Economic Statistics

The Economic Statistics contained in this section are the most recent available at the time of preparation. The economic Statistics presented covers; National Accounts, Prices, Trade, Tourism, Agriculture, Industry, Environment, Wildlife and Transport & Infrastructure.

A brief summary is provided followed by tables and charts for some statistics areas.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Information on Consumer Price Index is summarized on Table 4 through 6. The national year-on-year inflation rate for the entire 2016 was 2.8 percent on average compared to the 2015 figure of 3.1 percent. There was an increase in the national month-on-month inflation rate from 2.7 percent in January to 3.0 percent in December 2016. The cities/towns' inflation rate went up from 2.7 percent in January 2016 to 2.8 percent in December 2016. The urban and rural villages' inflation rates also increased from 2.6 to 3.0 percent and from 2.8 to 3.5 percent, respectively during January and December 2016.

The national Cost-of-Living index increased from 97.9 to 100.5 between January and December 2016 showing an increase of 2.6 percent between the periods. This compares with an increase of 2.3 percent from 95.4 to 97.6 during the same period of the previous year. The cities/towns, urban villages and rural indices rose from 97.9 to 100.5, 98.1 to 100.4 and 97.7 to 100.8, respectively between January and December 2016. Average inflation rate for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages group increased by 1.4 of a percentage point from 1.3 percent in 2015 to 2.7 percent in 2016. Miscellaneous Goods & Services had the highest average inflation rate in 2016 at 7.5%.

Figure 1: INFLATION TREND JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 2016

